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COTTON ACREAGE

Governor Roberts Issues Proclamation on Subject

Gov. Albert Roberts Saturday issued a proclamation designating Saturday, February 15, as a holiday in the interest of diversified farming. On that day at the various county seats farmers, merchants and bankers will be expected to meet to put into operation plans for the proposed diversification and to employ their efforts to secure a reduction of the cotton acreage in the south as a remedy for the recent slump in the cotton market. The proclamation is in line with a resolution introduced in both houses of the general assembly a day or two ago.

The decline in the price of cotton has greatly demoralized the farmers, and a strong effort is being made to have the farmers to reduce their acreage and diversify their crops more. This is believed by those interested to be the only method to restore profitable prices again.

Soldier Boy Dead

Private Jas. H. Stanley, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Stanley of the Nineteenth district, died at Camp Eustis Va., January 29, of influenza followed by pneumonia, after an illness of several weeks. The young man's father was with him a portion of the time during his illness, but had returned home several days before his death. Young Stanley was twenty-one years old July 7, 1918, and on the next day July 8, he left Huntingdon for camp and was in training at Camp Eustis when his fatal illness came upon him. He is survived by his parents and one sister, and a host of relatives and friends, who regret that the summons come while so young in life. His remains reached here Monday and were taken out to Union Academy for burial. The deceased was a christian, but not identified with any church. He was a fine boy and his death is a sad shock to his parents and friends.

Massey-Owen

A surprise wedding occurred at Buena Vista last Sunday. The contracting parties were Mr. Grover Massey and Miss Susan Owen, and the ceremony was said by Rev. T. M. Boyd. The marriage occurred just before the preaching hour, at the bride's home, and was witnessed by only a few friends. The pastor was taken from church between the Sunday school and preaching hour, but the marriage was kept very quiet. The bride is a most excellent lady and the groom is a splendid young man, and their friends wish them a happy married life.

An Appreciated Letter

Geo. W. Boswell of Trezevant received the following letter from W. F. Lent, captain of the infantry in which his son served. The letter was written with reference to young Boswell's discharge:

In a few days your soldier will receive his honorable discharge and start for home.

He is bringing back many fine qualities of body and mind which he has acquired or developed in the military service. The army has done everything it could to make him strong, fine, self-reliant, yet self controlled. It returns him to you a better man.

You have been an important member of that great army of encouragement and enthusiasm which helped to make him and us all better soldiers. You can now be a great help in keeping alive the good qualities he is bringing back from the army, in making him as good a citizen as he has been a soldier.

His fare and necessary expenses

to his home will be paid by the government. He will receive all pay due him. He may, if he wishes, wear his uniform for four months from the date of discharge. The government will also allow him to keep up, for the benefit of his family, his insurance at the very low rate he is now paying.

His return to civil life will bring new problems for you both to solve. The qualities he brings back will help you now as your encouragement helped him while he was away, and in your hands and his, rests the future of our country.

As his commanding officer, I am proud of him. He has done his duty well, I, and his comrades, will bid him goodbye with regret, and wish him every success after he returns home—that spot in every man's heart no place can fill.

Sincerely yours,

W. F. LENT
Captain Infantry U. S. A.

POTATO GROWING

Fast Becoming One of the Most Profitable of Crops

Around Gleason in Weakly county the farmers are fast growing rich growing sweet potatoes. It has been the means of land advancing to a very high price and money is plentiful.

A few farmers are catching on in this county, especially in the community of McKenzie. There will be shipped out of this county between 75 and 100 cars of last year's crop. The potato is shipped to the northern market and good prices are being received.

Plans are being made for the growing of more potatoes in this county and the next crop promises to be much larger. Huntingdon growers should increase the acreage over last year's crop for it is a paying crop.

Child Dies

Johnnie, the 12-year-old son of Will Howley, ten miles out on the New Jackson road, died last Friday night and was buried Saturday at Antioch. The child had influenza, and it became complicated with some kind of head trouble, causing the death. The child was a nephew of W. R. Montgomery of our town, and Mr. Montgomery attended the burial. The bereaved have the sympathy of a host of friends.

Fatal Accident

The 3-year-old son of Joe Woodard, of the Sixth district, swallowed a grain of corn the latter part of last week and lodged in its windpipe, causing its death. The child was taken to Jackson for an operation, and just as the operation was being completed, death ensued. The misfortune came as a sad bereavement to the parents, who have the sympathy of their neighbors and friends.

SURVEYING HIGHWAY

State Highway Engineer Nelson is in Henry county this week beginning the survey of the Shiloh Park to St. Louis highway north from Paris. The definite route will be fixed from Paris to the Kentucky line. Lieut. Robert G. Folk, who was with the surveying party here when the Memphis to Bristol was surveyed through this county, is at Paris and will be connected with the new state highway. Mr. Folk has a bride of four months, a native of El Paso, Texas, with him which will be interesting news to the friends he made while in this county.

VICTORY DAY

Senator Burkhalter is the author of a bill which designates the 11th day of November of each year as "Victory Day," this being the day on which the armistice was signed. It is quite certain of passage, and if enacted is likely to overshadow Thanksgiving, which follows only a few days later. It is understood that Mr. Turkey is very much opposed to this measure.

THE LEGISLATURE

Gov. Roberts and the Law-Making Body Working Harmoniously

It is very gratifying news that comes from Nashville that the Tennessee legislature and Governor Roberts are working in harmony and both endeavoring to have laws enacted for the benefit of the state.

Tennessee is badly in debt and becoming more involved each year. The governor and the legislature seem to appreciate the fact that something must be done to relieve the situation and are working to that end. A few measures have already been passed that are believed to be of a beneficial nature and others are being considered.

There is much property in Tennessee untouched by taxation. These properties, in some way, should be reached. There are many offices in Tennessee of no real value to the state. There is room for economy all along the line, and the strictest economy, where it is not hurtful to the state's progress, should be practiced.

The state should go after the untaxed property, equalize taxation, cut down expenses and then, if necessary, increase the taxes sufficiently to meet the expenses of the state economically administered, and stop this getting deeper in debt each year.

Parent-Teachers

The Parent-Teachers Association is an organization working for the welfare of all children in the home and school, realizing that the purity, greatness and stability of the nation is dependent upon the proper and correct development of child life. Knowing that the home and school are the two great factors in a child's life, it is the purpose of the Parent-Teachers Association to bring about a better understanding between the parent and teacher. The most effective school work is done when the home and school work together in the interest of the child. The parents are made to see their vital opportunity in shaping the child's destiny, and the teacher is broadened by learning the conditions in the home. By this common understanding much friction is averted and unkind feelings forgotten—the pupil is rendered more receptive, the teacher more patient and the parent more sympathetic and appreciative.

The product of these combined forces is the maximum good to the child, who is both the foundation and maker of our civilization.

Are you, as a parent, doing your full duty toward helping to successfully shape the destiny of your child, or have you become so engrossed in other affairs that you have shifted this responsibility of rearing your own child to less interested shoulders.

Realizing that a few can accomplish little, but that there is much strength in a united effort, are you ready to study, plan and work for the best development of your child? We need your co-operation NOW.

On Friday, February 7, the following program will be given at the school building:

"The Needs of the School from a Patron's View Point." J. Sam Johnson.

"The Needs of This School from a Teacher's View Point." Mrs. Olga Mebane.

Round Table Discussion.

CARROLL BOY PRISONER

A letter has just been received by Sefus Bryant of this county from his son, Henry Bryant, who was thought to have been killed in action some months ago in France. Private Bryant states in his letter that he was captured by the Germans and held prisoner for many weeks, was finally released and is now back with the allied forces in France. He is well.

THE PEACE CONFERENCE

No Question But That a League of Nations Will be Formed

That the peace conference will form a league of nations is not a matter of speculation. The representatives from all the countries are strong for the proposition, and the conference is working harmoniously to that end.

The opening meeting of the league of nations was held Monday. President Wilson, who is chairman of the commission, and presided at the meeting, greeted the members and took a leading part in the discussion. This was no longer general, but specific, as the meeting had before it the printed text of the agreed plan for the formation of the league. The text was in English, as had been decided upon at a recent meeting between President Wilson, Lord Robert Cecil, Gen. Smuts and Premier Orlando.

As some of the members of the commission do not speak English, it was determined to defer full discussion until the French text could be presented.

President Wilson is concentrating his attention upon this work. While less than two weeks remain before the date set for his return to Washington, it is still regarded as within the range of possibility for the great project, not only to be reported from the commission, but also for the peace conference in plenary session to ratify the plan and thus put it fairly in the way to be registered in treaty form within the time limit. This would make a record for international conferences, but the Paris gathering already has done that in several instances.

SOLDIER RETURNS HOME

When M. Hall Galloway, United States Marines, son of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Galloway stepped from the train at the station in Trezevant Sunday he was met by a large crowd of friends and relatives and given a most enthusiastic reception. Private Galloway is home from the front in France. He was in the famous battle that saved the day for the allies at Chateau Thierry. He received wounds in that battle from which he has not yet completely recovered. Private Galloway is home on a furlough and after spending a few days with his home people will return to the camp for his discharge. He has a brother, Horace Galloway, who is in the field artillery and probably now on his way home from France.

BIG SANDY DRAINAGE

Contractor W. R. Ewing of Chicago has arrived in Henry county to supervise the beginning of the work of draining Big Sandy river and its tributaries.

In addition to the dredge boat, which is being put in at Mansfield, two more big dipper dredges will be employed on the work, one of which will be launched at Hollow Rock Junction and the other at Allen's Creek. There are 150,000 yards of dirt to be moved in the seven-mile Bear Creek tributary at Mansfield and this work will be done first. In the entire district 3,290,000 yards of dirt are to be moved, according to the estimate. It will require some three years to complete the work, says Mr. Ewing, who will give the work considerable of his personal attention.

W. C. T. U. Notes

On Wednesday afternoon, January 29, the W.C.T.U. held a special meeting in the interest of the Y.P.B. at the home of Mrs. J. F. Neely. The principal feature of the program was an interesting, inspiring and instructive talk on "Huntingdon's Need of a Y.P.B." in which she emphasized the need of an organization for our young people that combines the social life with a well rounded training for christian service. Mrs. Myra Tandy, of Nashville, our State Y. P. B. Secretary says, "No other one organization gives so well rounded a training for every

walk of life as the W. C. T. U. and its two branches, the L. T. L. and the Y. P. B. Through the numerous departments there is schooling by work in legislation, law enforcement, and parliamentary law; in mercy both to man and beast, and deeds of loving kindness and charity; in christian living and christian citizenship, both at home and abroad through our missionary work among foreigners, lumbermen, miners, soldiers, sailors; in religious training through evangelism and Bible study with much prayer, our very corner stone; in child welfare; through L. T. L. in the school, temperance training in Sunday school, the L. T. L. meetings, and work among mothers."

All young people need this well rounded christian training and it is the ambition of the W. C. T. U. to organize a Young Peoples Branch in Huntingdon.

SORELY AFFLICTED

Husband Follows Wife to Grave in a Few Days

The Democrat had an account last week of the death of Mrs. Gracie Chandler, wife of Obed W. Chandler, and it was announced then that Mr. Chandler was dangerously sick and not expected to live.

Last Saturday night at about midnight Mr. Chandler passed away and Sunday his body was placed beside that of his wife in the McAdoo graveyard. He died from a complication of diseases consisting of influenza, pneumonia and tuberculosis. He was about 32 years old, a member of the Baptist church and a man who endeavored to provide well for his family. He stood high in his community and had many friends. He is survived by two little children, his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Eli Chandler, and many relatives and friends. At this writing one of his little children is seriously sick and its folks are quite anxious about it.

Buys a Home

Prof. D. T. Barnhill, county superintendent of public instruction, closed a deal last Thursday by which he came in possession of a home in Huntingdon. He purchased the Ed Taylor place in East End, the consideration being \$1,400. Mr. Taylor, since his wife's death, has moved to the country, and Prof. Barnhill will move into his new home at an early date. This is a nice place and is in a fine community.

W. L. McCracken Dead

W. L. McCracken, one of the oldest and best known citizens of our town, died last Tuesday morning at his home on Nashville street, after a long illness with tuberculosis. He was 78 years old last October and, if we are not mistaken, spent his entire life here, with the exception of the four years he was in the confederate army. He made a brave soldier and saw much hard fighting while in the service, being a member of a brave Kentucky company. At the close of the war he returned to Huntingdon and opened a jewelry repair shop, a business he followed as long as he was able to work. He was rather peculiar in his disposition, but kindly disposed and we never heard of him doing anyone harm. He always had plenty of friends and no enemies. He was a clever man. He is survived by his wife and one daughter, Miss Dora McCracken, and a brother, Joe McCracken. Funeral services were conducted at the home Wednesday afternoon by Rev. D. B. Raulins and the burial followed at Oak Hill cemetery.

A COMMERCIAL CLUB

The Golf Club Banquet at Hotel Olive a Success

The banquet given by the Huntingdon Golf Club at Hotel Olive last Friday night was in every particular a splendid success. It was a get-together meeting of representative citizens and business men of the town that, in our opinion, will result in accomplishing much good to the town and community.

The object of the banquet was a get-together meeting of representative citizens to discuss questions looking to the welfare of the town and to honor one of the Golf Club members, Mr. W. H. Eason, who was recently elected secretary and treasurer of the Southern Engine & Boiler Works at Jackson, and will soon, with his family, move to that city to reside.

L. A. Hurt, the president, presided, and speeches were made by Mayor Charles M. Watson, J. Sam Johnson, J. B. Gilbert, the Rev. D. B. Raulins, Judge P. W. Maddox, John R. Pitts, Joe T. Hester, J. T. Peeler, M. F. Priest and Prof. J. J. Hendrickson.

Twenty-five business men were present, and a mass-meeting looking to a permanent organization of a commercial club was called at the court house Friday evening, February 7.

The following committees were appointed to report at this meeting:

Nominations—C. M. Watson, J. B. Gilbert, Allen S. Eason, Marshall Priest and R. E. Ware.

By-Laws—J. Sam Johnson, J. R. Pitts, W. L. Noell, S. C. Harvey and Dr. J. B. Cox.

Mrs. J. L. Richards served a three course menu that proved equal to the occasion and was greatly enjoyed by the club members and their guests.

IMPORTANT QUESTION

Mr. Editor—

What is the use of the Civic Improvement Club trying to improve the parks in town? It has been a constant controversy all the years the club has cared for the parks to keep some people from dumping their rubbish in them even though the Civic Improvement Club went to the expense of having the plots cleaned off, graded and fenced in, sodded and planted in flowers. Labor is expensive and difficult to find and requires supervision if it counts for much in the parks. We are frank to say we are discouraged. But we would try again if we could have co-operation and encouragement.

If the Huntingdon merchants would provide themselves with garbage cans and set them at their back doors and sweep their trash to the back and dispose of it as the two Hotel women do, theirs, we would see a vast improvement in the appearance of our square.

Also, if they would see that their sidewalks were swept at the close of business Saturday night our streets would be more presentable Sunday mornings.

Why should Huntingdon merchants sweep their stores to the front and leave the litter to blow over town? The housekeepers don't do it. Why should Huntingdon merchants bring their rubbish out and make little bonfires in front of their stores?

Did you ever see it done place else?

Or why should they make a pretense at putting their trash in an overcrowded garbage can that was never intended for their use in that way?

The garbage cans were intended for the general public who have too much pride to want to throw waste paper, fruit peelings and so-forth on the streets.

Why should surplus stocks of goods be stored for days or weeks on the sidewalks?

It is not done in other towns. Of course, city ordinances and stiff fines could correct some of these questions, but a better way would be for each one to decide to act the part of a man and a citizen and show pride in the town.—Civic Improvement Club Member.